



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
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**ISG - Committee Status Update
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Committee Name: ISG-Adolescent Health Community Advisory Group

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Priority Strategy(ies) and Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Strategy Name & Number: Promote and Enhance the Matrix Action Plan

Actions underway and / or complete: *The following are actions identified that need to happen*

1. A draft concept paper has been written that will be used in obtaining grant funding for a project to promote the use of adolescent health pre-screening tools in the primary care setting. We are currently working on a budget for the concept paper. As previously reported, the project will revise the draft Adolescent Health Care Handbook: Screening and Education Resources for use by all primary care providers and training for office staff to effectively implement a screening tool. A grant would provide funding for a staff person who will move the project forward and design and maintain a current website.
2. In addition to providing educational resources and a venue to link and foster communication around adolescent health issues, the website will incorporate an adolescent developmental approach, for example, communication as it relates to early, middle and late adolescents. On review of current adolescent health related websites it appears that an adolescent developmental approach is not generally utilized. The website will make the Handbook and additional resources available for use by all primary care providers, provide opportunity for continual update and revisions and make the educational materials more appealing for use by adolescents.
3. The committee needs to continue to identify and communicate with community organizations and agencies that could be contributing to the Matrix and/or using the Matrix as a resource.

Opportunities for integration identified:

Two links to the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) web site were recently added to the www.azis.gov/adolescent-health-committee.htm web page for the "Consent & Confidentiality in Adolescent Health Care" publication and a supplemental legal update on abortions for the same publication.

Barriers identified to completing the actions: Staff hours are needed that can coordinate and move forward the committee activities.

Support Needed: Grant Writing

Recommendations the Committee would like presented to the Task Force: None